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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/692,448	KIRCHNER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jeffrey L. Sterrett	2838	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
2. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the proposed amendments to figures 1 and 2 are acceptable but they MUST be submitted as formal drawings containing the corrections (the current sheets, erroneously labeled "replacement sheet" and really more appropriately labeled "annotated sheet", are informal due to the hand drawn lines that are supposed to cover the dashed lines with solid lines). Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.
3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. A descriptive title clearly indicative of the invention based on the concept of "INDUCTOR TYPE REGULATOR USING MOSFET'S " is suggested.

4. Claims 1-8 are objected to because in line 14 of claim 1 "said back gate" lacks proper antecedent basis. It is suggested that "said" be changed to -the- as is currently recited in line 12 of the other independent claim, claim 9.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D'Angelo et al (US 5,929,615).

D'Angelo et al discloses a DC/DC converter comprising an input to which an input voltage (V_{in}) is applied, an inductance (36) with a first terminal connected to the input, a first controllable NMOS FET switch (46) connected between the second terminal (38) of the inductance and a grounded reference point, a second controllable PMOS FET switch (34) connected between the second terminal (38) of the inductance and the converter output (V_{out}), a further controllable PMOS FET switch (42) connected between the back gate of the second switch and the converter output (V_{out}), an output storage capacitor (48), and a regulator circuit (44-58) configured to regulate the converter output voltage (V_{out}) to a predetermined value by controlling the first and second controllable switches.

7. Applicant's arguments filed November 15, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the remarks concerning the disclosure of D'Angelo et al, whether or not D'Angelo et al discloses a control unit 44 that temporarily suspends switch-mode

operation of the entire voltage regulator 32 is moot. Although this may or may not be a valid patentable distinction in the present specification over the disclosure of D'Angelo et al, nevertheless the language of the present claims never implicitly or explicitly sets forth any such limitation. Thus the claims remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D'Angelo et al.

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

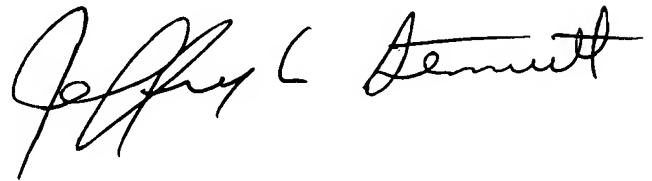
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey L. Sterrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-2085. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday & 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Art Unit 2838

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Sterrett", written in a cursive style.